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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m. closed meeting Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

11 a.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/56/250)

Announcement

The Security Council will hold a public debate on Thursday, 20 September 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in the Central African Republic". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the World Food Programme
2. Draft reports
3. Board of Auditors

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN

Extended Bureau meeting

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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The Facilitator for the informal consultations on the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), will hold a briefing *today*, 19 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 19 September 2001

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP: EXPERTS ON THIRD COMMITTEE MATTERS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

INFORMAL GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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The meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)*, scheduled for *today*, 19 September 2001, has been postponed to Thursday, 20 September, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	4th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	5th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership:

Russian Federation
Islamic Republic of Iran
Belgium
Saudi Arabia
United States
South Africa
Republic of Korea
Morocco
Cuba
China
Oman
Romania
Mexico
Algeria
Pakistan
Angola
Philippines
Tunisia
Japan
Finland
India
Ghana
Brazil
Malaysia
New Zealand
Norway
Colombia
Belarus
Kazakhstan
Bhutan
Indonesia
Azerbaijan
Nigeria
Israel
Burkina Faso
Croatia
Argentina

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The eighth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 24 September to 5 October 2001, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/155 of 12 December 2000.

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The Third Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Wednesday, 3 October 2001, and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 4 October 2001, at 3 p.m., and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) is scheduled to take place from 25 to 27 September 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Under item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1), a general exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty is expected to take place. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views is open.

In accordance with the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. The list of speakers for statements by non-signatory States is also open.

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each.

The Secretariat also advises that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty that the Conference be attended at a high level.

States wishing to inscribe on the lists of speakers should communicate their request in writing and hand-delivered to Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140). Request may also be sent by fax to the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch (fax: (212) 963-8892). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first-served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

For enquiries regarding the lists of speakers, please call (212) 963-5976.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 1 to 12 October 2001 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The session will be opened on Monday, 1 October, at 3 p.m. A general exchange of views by Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies is expected to take place at the opening meeting. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 October.

The list of speakers for the opening meeting and special segment will be open from Monday, 17 September, to Tuesday, 25 September 2001. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel.: (212) 963-2319; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: fidler@un.org). The list will be reopened in Geneva on Monday, 1 October (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN

By its decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to postpone its special session on children to a date to be decided by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session. All side events related to the special session are also postponed.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Credentials

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (Overall theme: Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century)

(New dates: 20-21 September 2001)

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation through partnership, is now open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon (tel.: (212) 963-5063; room S-3001D). Requests may also be sent by fax to (212) 963-3783 or by e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Ministerial round tables-cum-informal panels

The first event, on the topic of "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries", will be held on Thursday, 20 September 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Mr. Salomão Manhiça, Executive Secretary, ICT Policy Commission, Maputo; Prof. Swasti Mitter, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; and Mr. Pekka Tarjanne, former Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The second event, on the topic "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts", will be held on Thursday, 20 September, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic Social Affairs; and Mr. John Williamson, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

Background information for the high-level dialogue is available on the following Web site: www.un.org/ga/56/dialogue.htm, and is also available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1419B.

General debate
*(24-28 September, 1-5 October 2001)**

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

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* Possible rescheduling of the general debate under consideration as announced at the 3rd meeting of the General Committee held on 14 September 2001.

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Briefing

Briefing on the Third Meeting of the Bureau of the Commission for Sustainable Development (held in Jakarta, 5-6 September 2001) acting as the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held on Thursday, 20 September 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Representatives of Member States, Major Groups and interested organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are jointly conducting a workshop on the World Summit for Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit). This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 4 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, 5 October, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 27 September 2001. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

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As from Tuesday, 4 September 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the French presidency of the Security Council (available in French and in English) can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/france.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 14 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 1st meeting

Organization of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1 and Add.1)

Section I

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Organization of the session (Section II)

Section II.A

The General Committee took note of rule 40 of the rules of procedure and of the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401, General Assembly resolution 39/88 B, the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45 and the annex to Assembly resolution 51/241 pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 5 *bis* contained in the addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.B

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 6 and 7 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

In connection with paragraph 8 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, the General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of the annex to its resolution 45/45 and to paragraphs 30, 31 and 36 of the annex to its resolution 51/241.

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 9 and 10 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.C

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to Assembly resolution 55/14 of 3 November 2000 by which the General Assembly amended rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Section II.D

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the fifty-sixth session should recess not later than Tuesday, 11 December 2001 and close on Monday, 9 September 2002.

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the First Committee complete its work by Friday, 9 November, the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee by Friday, 16 November, the Sixth Committee by Friday, 23 November, the Third Committee by Wednesday, 28 November and the Second and the Fifth Committees by Friday, 7 December 2001.

Section II.E

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 13 to 15 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the recommendation that plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees, including informals, be adjourned by 6 p.m. and that no meetings be held on weekends. The Committee also recommended that this cost-saving measure should apply, for the remainder of 2001, to meetings on the calendar of conferences and meetings. The Committee further recommended that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirements of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed and of at least one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. The Committee further recommended that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

Section II.F

The General Committee took note of paragraph 16 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General in which it was indicated, *inter alia*, that the general debate would be held from Monday, 24 September to Friday, 5 October 2001.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 21 of the annex to its resolution 51/241 indicating a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement in the general debate.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 18 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the prohibition of the expression of congratulations in the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered and the departure through Room GA-200 of speakers after delivering their statements.

Section II.G

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 concerning explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 21 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the length of statements in debates outside the general debate.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto concerning length of statements for appropriate action in plenary meetings and the Main Committees.

Section II.H

The General Committee took note of paragraph 22 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General concerning verbatim and summary records.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that its decision not to reproduce *in extenso* statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fifty-sixth session.

Section II.I

The General Committee was informed that Haiti was the name drawn for the purpose of occupying the first desk on the General Assembly floor and from which the seating order would begin.

Section II.J

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the need for the full implementation of paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 concerning concluding statements.

Section II.K

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401, to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, to paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 48/264, and to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45, concerning General Assembly resolutions.

Section II.L

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401, to paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264, to paragraph 5 of its resolution 54/248 C and to paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, concerning documentation.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the annex to decision 55/488 and to paragraphs 15 and 17 of the annex to resolution 55/285, also concerning documentation, and which were mentioned in the addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.M

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions contained in paragraphs 32 to 36 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning questions related to the programme budget.

Section II.N

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 37 and 38 concerning observances and commemorative meetings.

Section II.O

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 39 and 40 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning special conferences.

Section II.P

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Assembly should authorize the meetings of the subsidiary organs referred to in paragraph 41 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 42 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Adoption of the agenda (Section III)

The General Committee took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 44 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the rationalization of the agenda.

In this connection, the General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 23 to 26 of the annex to its resolution 51/241.

The General Committee took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 44 *bis* in the addendum of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the clustering and biennialization of the cooperation items.

The General Committee took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 44 *ter* in the addendum of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the biennialization of other items.

The General Committee took note of the provision contained in paragraph 45 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the criteria for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

Items 1 to 6

The General Committee took note that the General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 to 6 of the draft agenda.

Items 7 to 20

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Items 21 to 32

With regard to items 21 to 32 of the draft agenda, the General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include a new item 21, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", with items 21 to 32 of the draft agenda becoming sub-items (a) to (l) of new item 21.

Items 33 to 105

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 106

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania and Portugal.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Items 107 to 182

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 183

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Kuwait made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 184

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Nauru, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Nauru made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda as sub-item (m) of new item 21.

Item 185

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Monaco made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Greece, Hungary and Portugal.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Italy, at her request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Italy made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 186

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the Sudan made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Burkina Faso and Nigeria, at their requests, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso and Nigeria.

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 187

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Germany made a statement.

The representative of France made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Senegal and Monaco, at their requests, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal and Monaco.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 188

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the Gambia made a statement.

The representative of China made a statement.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Swaziland made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Sao Tome and Principe, Lesotho, Nauru, Guyana, the Sudan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mongolia and Argentina, at their requests, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sao Tome and Principe, Lesotho, Nauru, Guyana, the Sudan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mongolia and Argentina.

2nd meeting

Adoption of the agenda (Section III) (continued)

Item 188 (continued)

Statements were made by the representatives of Paraguay, Nicaragua, South Africa, Malaysia, France, the United Kingdom, Cambodia, Guatemala, Malta, Nepal, Hungary, Sierra Leone, Kyrgyzstan, Greece, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Ghana and the Republic of Moldova.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Chad, Tuvalu, Belize, Burkina Faso, Palau, El Salvador, Panama, Malawi, Solomon Islands and Dominica.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Grenada, Marshall Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Liberia, Cyprus, Morocco, Saint Lucia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Tajikistan, Iraq, Ukraine, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Mauritius, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar, Brazil, Gabon, Spain, Ireland, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kuwait, Italy, Angola, Chile, Algeria, Zambia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, the Congo, Belarus, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tunisia, Mali, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Burundi, Yemen, Djibouti, Bhutan, Zimbabwe, Venezuela, Guinea and Pakistan, at their requests, to take their places at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Grenada, Marshall Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Liberia, Cyprus, Morocco, Saint Lucia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Tajikistan, Iraq, Ukraine, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Mauritius, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar, Brazil, Gabon, Spain, Ireland, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kuwait, Italy, Angola, Chile, Algeria, Zambia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, the Congo, Belarus, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tunisia, Mali, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Burundi, Yemen, Djibouti, Bhutan, Zimbabwe, Venezuela, Guinea and Pakistan.

The General Committee decided not to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda (Section III) (continued)

The representative of Honduras made a statement on a point of order.

Item 189

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 190

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh and Mexico.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda, which was listed in the addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Allocation of items (Section IV)

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, paragraph 5 of the annex to Assembly resolution 39/88 B, paragraph 6 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45, paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I to resolution 48/264 as well as paragraph 24 of the annex to resolution 51/241 concerning the allocation and clustering of items.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provision contained in paragraph 47 *bis* in the addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

The General Committee took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 48 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the criteria and procedures for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

Item 181

The representative of France made a statement.

The General Committee decided to defer its recommendation on the allocation of the item.

Item 182

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item 182 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 183

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 183 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 184

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 184 should be considered directly in plenary meeting as subitem (m) of new item 21.

Item 185

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 185 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 186

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 186 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 187

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 187 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 189

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 189 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 190

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 190 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 10

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization, as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provision in paragraph 50 *bis* contained in the Addendum of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Item 12

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggested allocation of various parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council as contained in paragraph 51 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Item 18

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People relating to specific Territories should be referred to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

Item 21

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provision in paragraph 52 *bis* contained in the Addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Item 36

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolution 55/23 of 13 November 2000, by which the Assembly decided to devote two days of plenary meetings at the fifty-sixth session, on 3 and 4 December 2001, to the consideration of the item, including consideration of any follow-up measures, and commemoration of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, and encouraged Member States and observers to be represented at the highest possible political level.

Item 56

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

Item 73

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item on the question of Cyprus should be allocated at an appropriate time during the session.

Item 85

The General Committee decided to recommend that the paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency dealing with the subject matter of item 85 should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of that item.

Item 109 (c)

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 55/193 of 20 December 2000, and to the decision taken at the first plenary meeting of the fifty-sixth session, on 12 September 2001, regarding the dates of the high-level dialogue, to the effect that the high-level dialogue would take place on 20 and 21 September 2001, and that it would consist of plenary meetings, ministerial round-table meetings and informal panels, with the participation of non-governmental organizations actors, and that the final outcome of the dialogue would be a summary by the President, to be presented at the closure of the event.

Item 120

The General Committee decided draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 55/57 of 4 December 2000, in which the Assembly decided that two plenary meetings of the fifty-sixth session would be devoted to volunteering, to coincide with the close of the International Year of Volunteers on 5 December 2001.

Item 124

The General Committee decided to recommend that, in connection with item 124 (Advancement of women), the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 111 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

The General Committee then proceeded to consider the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 60 of document A/BUR/56/1 and in its Add.1.

Plenary items

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in documents A/BUR/56/1 and in its Add.1, including the new cooperation item 21 and sub-items (a) to (m) replacing items 21 through 32 and 184 of the draft agenda; deleting item 38; including item 183; and excluding item 73.

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1, taking into account its decision on the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India".

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1 and its Add.1, including item 38.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1, taking into account its decision to defer its recommendation on the allocation of item 181 entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations".

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1, including items 182, 185, 186, 187 and 190.

Announcement

The General Committee was informed by its Chairman that a possible rescheduling of the general debate was under consideration.

Tuesday, 18 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4374th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Eleventh report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2001/857 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/874, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations, and made an oral revision to the text in its provisional form.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/874) before it, as orally revised in its provisional form.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/874), as orally revised in its provisional form, received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1370 (2001).

4375th meeting

Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard an explanatory statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore and Colombia.

The Council adopted its report to the General Assembly without a vote.

The President stated that the decision of the Council would be reflected in a note by the President of the Council, to be issued as document S/2001/876.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 258th meeting

Election of the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Acting Chairman made a statement.

The Committee elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Papa Louis Fall (Senegal) as Chairman.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Tuvalu (6 September 2001)*

Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Geneva, 25 March 1972

Accession: Belarus (13 September 2001)*

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Participation in the Convention by virtue of accession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972: Belarus (13 September 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Sierra Leone (17 September 2001)*

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Signature: Brazil (18 September 2001)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2001: Rights of Women and Children (United Nations Headquarters)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from *today*, 19 September, until 5 October 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Arrangements will be made for the treaty actions to be undertaken in a formal setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 14 August 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693). In the light of the tragic event of last week, it is also advisable for States which are scheduled to undertake treaty actions to again confirm their appointments with the Treaty Section.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the tragic event of last week, an inter-faith service will be held on Thursday, 20 September 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chapel of the United Nations Church Center (777 United Nations Plaza). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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In the light of the tragic event of last week, the opening of the exhibit "Playgrounds and Toys for Children", organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, has been cancelled. However, the exhibit can be viewed by members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media in the Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat building until 18 November 2001. As soon as the building is open to the public, visitors will also be able to view the exhibit.

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In commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, second Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library has launched a multi-media Web site honouring his years of service to the Organization (1953-1961) (http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/dag/).

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